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SUBJECT: SA POLICE FORM VOLUNTEER UNIT FOR RHODESIA

1. IN STATEMENT ON INCREASED BUDGET FOR BORDER DEFENSE
RELEASED AUGUST 1, SAG ANNOUNCED ESTABLISHMENT OF LONGER-
SERVICE, VOLUNTEER UNIT OF SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE (SAP) TO
FIGHT IN RHODESIA.

2. AFTER RECEIVING TRAINING IN COUNTER-INSURGENCY WARFARE,
VOLUNTEER SAP FORCE WILL SERVE 6-12 MONTHS IN RHODESIA.
PREVIOUS SYSTEM WAS BASED ON ASSIGNMENT OF POLICEMEN, FROM
VARIOUS POSTS IN SA, TO SERVE IN RHODESIA FOR PERIOD OF FEW
MONTHS.

3. MONETARY INCENTIVES IMPORTANT FEATURE IN ESTABLISHMENT
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OF NEW FORCE. DAILY ALLOWANCE RANGES FROM FOUR RAND

EIGHTY CENTS (1 RAND EQUALS \$1.50) TO SEVEN RAND, AND GRANT FOR ONE-YEAR SERVICE IS 900 RAND FOR BLACKS AND 1200 RAND FOR WHITES.

4. STATEMENT SAID NEW SYSTEM "WILL BRING ABOUT THAT THE MEN WHO ARE ENGAGED IN DEFENDING OUR LAND OUTSIDE OUR BORDERS WILL BE COMPENSATED TO A GREATER EXTENT FOR THE PATRIOTISM DISPLAYED BY THEM"

5. COMMENT: FORCE APPARENTLY BEING ESTABLISHED IN RESPONSE TO CRITICISM THAT PRIOR SYSTEM NOT CONDUCTIVE TO EFFICIENCY AND DEGREE OF TRAINING NECESSARY IN COUNTER-GUERRILLA WARFARE. ADDITIONALLY, INCENTIVES ATTEMPT TO OVERCOME RECENT RECRUITMENT PROBLEMS APPARENTLY STEMMING FROM DISINCLINATION OF SA YOUTH TO CHANCE SERVICE ON NORTHERN BORDER OR IN RHODESIA BY JOINING POLICE FORCE.
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